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1. FOLLOWING IS BIOGRAPHIC SKETCH REQUESTED ON SKOUG FOR KREPS BRIEFING BOOK. SKETCHES ON FARRAND AND SIND WILL FOLLOW. KENNETH N. SKOUG, JR., FSO-2 IS FORTY-SIX YEARS OLD. HE HAS BEEN COUNSELOR FOR ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS IN EMBASSY MOSCOW SINCE AUGUST, 1976. SKOUG, WHO IS FROM MINNESOTA, HOLDS AN A.B. DEGREE FROM COLUMBIA COLLEGE AND AN M.A. AND PH.D. FROM THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY. HE SERVED IN THE U.S. ARMY, 1954-56, AFTER A TOUR IN STATE GOVERNMENT IN MINNESOTA. SKOUG HAS BEEN IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE FOR TWENTY-ONE YEARS, HAVING SERVED THREE TOURS IN WASHINGTON AND THREE PREVIOUS TOURS ABROAD. HE WAS A POLITICAL/ECONOMIC-COMMERCIAL OFFICER IN MUNICH, GERMANY, 1959-61, CHIEF OF THE PROTECTION AND WELFARE SECTION IN GUADALAJARA, MEXICO, AND ECONOMIC/ COMMERCIAL OFFICER IN PRAGUE, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, 1967-69. HIS MOST RECENT ASSIGNMENTS WERE AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF CENTRAL EUROPEAN AFFAIRS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, 1969-73, AND AS A FOREIGN SERVICE INSPECTOR, 1974-76. HE IS A GRADUATE OF THE NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE CONFIDENTIAL

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(1974). SKOUG SPEAKS GERMAN, SPANISH, CZECH AND RUSSIAN. HE IS MARRIED TO MARTHA REED, A GRADUATE OF RANDOLPH-MACON WOMAN'S COLLEGE. THEIR DAUGHTER REED (13) AND SON KENNETH (7) ATTEND SCHOOL IN MOSCOW. TOON

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